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Near Riot Ensues When 16-Year-Old Youth is Knocked Down

NEWARK, N. J.—(DNS)—The timely intervention of local police prevented what would have probably been a race riot last Thursday night. The incipient riot took place on Academy st near Summit as a result of a dispute over the knocking down of a 16-year-old Negro lad, John Rogers, of 124 Newark ave., Belleville.

Several hundred skaters were skating around at the same time when someone pushed young Rogers down. His screams for help brought several Negro men to the scene. At the same time a group of white men appeared on the scene. Armed with clubs and lead pipes both groups indulged in a free-for-all which began to look serious for a while.

It is thought that Rogers' injury will result in a possible concussion of the brain. No arrests have been made in either case and the investigation is apparently at a standstill.

On the same night a second riot which started about a half hour after police had ended the first affray was short lived when uniformed forces returned to the scene.

The following night a group of white and colored men met in another battle on Orange and Sheffield sts. An elderly man, who said he was trying to see what it was all about, could not give any details after being struck on the head.